

Town of North Smithfield  
**Historic District Commission**

Minutes of June 17, 2013

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on  
Monday, June 17, 2013  
in the Greenwood Room at 6:30 PM  
at the North Smithfield Public Library, 20 Main Street, Slatersville, RI

**Call to order:** 6:35

**Members Present:** Daniel Couture, Christian de Rezendes, Gwen Cunningham,  
Jeffrey Fontaine Linda Frye, Jeffrey Harris, Elizabeth Martin

**Members Absent:** none

**Materials Distributed:** Agenda, Minutes, CA for 8 Warren Avenue

**Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2013**

Approval for the minutes from the May 20, 2013 was unanimously approved.

**Applications**

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness: 8 Warren Avenue, Plat 9 Lot 14 Union

Village Historic District:

Owner: Patricia O. Blenkiron

Owner Patricia Blenkiron was present. Insurance company recommended roof replacement. Work consists of removing existing shingles and installing architectural/Timberlane Pewter Gray 50 year shingles.

It was determined that the Repairs/Replacement specified above are essentially an "in-kind" replacement (asphalt for asphalt architectural shingles) and are appropriate and congruous. Approval for the application as submitted, for a Certificate of Appropriateness was granted.

Motion to approve: Dan Couture

Seconded: Elizabeth Martin

All in favor.

Opposed: None

- B. A written Resolution and a certificate of Appropriateness will be forwarded to the applicant and submitted for record to the Office of the Building Inspector.

**Communications**

- A. Submitted proposal to the North Smithfield Town Council for Forestdale Schoolhouse to be recognized as a historic district as requested by the North Smithfield Heritage Association.

Jeff H. explained to commission members that Ted Sanderson, Executive

Director of the RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC), has affirmed that a single property can be considered a historic district as an overlay district. All commission members agree that such a designation is appropriate. The matter of the Forestdale Schoolhouse as a historic district will go before the North Smithfield Town Council for initial consideration on August 5th.

### **Old Business**

#### **A. Status Update:**

Proposed informational letter to all property owners within the Union Village & Slatersville Historic District

1. Revise mailing list was received from Tax Assessor's office for the final distribution and mailing
2. Discussion and proposals for advancement was tabled.

#### **B. Continuance : Annual Statement Of Intentions**

Remaining members to contribute: Define and prioritize three(3) specific goals for the future of NSHDC Five Year Plan- Pending

### **New Business**

#### **A. Subcommittee Report: Union Village Historic District Research Committee**

1. Dan C. requested Building Inspector's office to pull cards of some of the outstanding properties that still need to be reviewed.
2. Jeff H. provided additional information to Gwen C. for update to excel summary files.

#### **B. Subcommittee Report: Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage**

Christain D. put a call into Rick Greenwood of RIHPHC and awaiting reply as to some Preservation Grant options : Heritage Hall(architectural), Stamina Mill Forestdale Office, Forestdale Schoolhouse (architectural or study of proper archiving of historic documentation including creation of an electronic database). Some discussion had by members on latter option.

#### **C. Subcommittee Report : North Smithfield Historic District Commission**

Standards and Guidelines (NSHDC S&G Committee):

Gwen C. mentions Hartford, CT. Standards and Guidelines as a potential prototype to use as North Smithfield develops in own. National Standards & guidelines would be referenced.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was called to a close at 7:55 p.m.

Motion: Jeff Fontaine

Seconded: Jeff Harris

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday, July15, 2013